

Ministerial Direction on Redirection of Benefit Payments Amendment 2020

This instrument is made under section 7(1) of the Social Security Act 2018, by the Minister for Social Development.

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Instrument

1 Title

This instrument is the Ministerial Direction on Redirection of Benefit Payments Amendment 2020

2 Commencement

This instrument comes into effect on 30 March 2020.¹

3 Ministerial Direction amended

This instrument amends the Ministerial Direction on Redirection of Benefit Payments as established and made on 17 March 2015.

4 Clause 3 (Interpretation)

(1) In clause 3, insert in the appropriate alphabetical order:

Emergency housing contribution has the same meaning as in regulation 3(1) of the Social Security Regulations 2018

Emergency housing grant has the same meaning as in clause 14A of the Special Needs Grants Programme

5 Clause 5 (Good cause and exercise of discretion)

(1) In subclause 5(1)(h), after “his or her dependants are met”, delete “.” and insert “:”.

(2) In subclause 5(1), after clause 5(1)(h), insert:

(i) the person has applied for an emergency housing grant and the redirection is required to ensure the person meets

¹ *New Zealand Gazette*, 26 March 2015, No. 32, go1763

their commitments for receiving an emergency housing grant under the Special Needs Grants Programme.



Hon CARMEL SEPULONI, Minister for Social Development

At Wellington this 18th day of February 2020

Explanatory Note

This note is not part of the instrument, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This instrument, which comes into effect on 23 February 2020, amends the Ministerial Direction on Redirection of Benefit Payments to create a presumption that there is good cause to redirect a person's benefit in order to ensure they meet their commitments for receiving an emergency housing grant under the Special Needs Grants Programme.